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DEVICE [as amended]

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AMENDMENT

San Francisco, CA 94111  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The Applicants request a three-month extension of time from June 17, 2008 to September 17, 2008, and authorize the Commissioner to charge the fee therefor, and any additional fee that may be due, to our deposit account in accordance with the attached Petition for Extension of Time.

In response to the Office Action dated March 17, 2008, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Title** being on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.